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SUBJECT: 1978 COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

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1. BUREAU BEGINNING TO PREPARE THIS YEAR'S UNCLASSIFIED COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES AND WOULD LIKE EMBASSY INPUT NO LATER THAN COB AUGUST 29 SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE FIRST DRAFTS AND GET THEM TO YOU FOR CLEARANCE IN TIME TO MEET DEPT DEADLINES. GENERAL GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED REF A.

2. SINCE FORMAT IS UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR'S, WE ARE STARTING THERE (REF B) AND REQUEST EMBASSY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES BASED ON DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIAL ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE EXTENT OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE POOR

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AND GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED OR TOLERATED PRACTICES WHICH HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS, RELEVANT LEGAL PRACTICES INCLUDING THE EXTENT OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE LAW AND PRACTICE, AND INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AGAINST REPRESSIVE PRACTICES. SPECIFIC FACTS AND FIGURES ARE NEEDED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE POUCHING TO DCM COPIES OF
RELEVANT GUIDANCE WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED FOR OUR USE
HERE. THIS WILL BE HELPFUL TO POST LATER ON AS YOU ARE
REVIEWING DRAFTS WHICH WE WILL PREPARE AND EXPECT TO GET
TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1. CHRISTOPHER

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